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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL: RICHLAND COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced a Richland County man was sentenced to four years in prison for possessing child pornography.

Jonathan Edward Chadwick Poljak, 34, of Olney, Illinois, was sentenced by Richland County Circuit Court Judge Matthew Hartrich after pleading guilty to four Class 2 felony counts of possessing child pornography. Poljak also will be required to register as a sex offender.

“Many victims of child pornography carry the trauma with them well into adulthood,” Raoul said. “The partnerships my office maintains with local law enforcement through the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force are critical to holding accountable the perpetrators of these inexcusable crimes.”

Prosecutors alleged that Poljak utilized Skype to exchange child pornography involving a victim under the age of 13. Poljak was arrested Dec. 10, 2019, after investigators from Raoul’s office and the Olney Police Department executed a search warrant at Poljak’s Olney home and discovered evidence of child pornography.

“We thank everyone who works to stop terrible crimes like these and prevent offenders from preying on children,” said Olney Police Chief Kevin Paddock. “Collaborations like this between the Attorney General’s office and the Olney Police Department are vital to keeping our community safe.”

The case is part of Attorney General Raoul’s work to investigate and prosecute child pornographers in Illinois. Raoul’s office, with a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, runs the [Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children \(ICAC\) Task Force](#) that investigates child exploitation crimes and trains law enforcement agencies. Since 2006, the Attorney General’s ICAC Task Force has been involved in more than 1,780 arrests of sexual predators. The task force also has provided internet safety training and education to more than 953,500 parents, teachers and students and more than 23,100 law enforcement professionals.

Assistant Attorney General Shantikumar Kulkarni and Investigator Amanda Wimmersberg handled the case for Raoul’s High Tech Crimes Bureau.